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The World's Best Dahlias



Peony Dahlia "ALMA DAVIES"

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The above cut will show you that it is often necessary to cut a part of the crown (or base of stem) with each tuber when separating the clump for planting. Note the eye on the separated tuber, about half an inch from the neck.

TO MY PAST AND PROSPECTIVE PATRONS



Business is business, but life is life,
And we are all in the game to win it;
But let's rest sometime from the heat and strife,
And just be pals for a minute.

Now that we are pals let us get back to business and peruse the contents of this 1926 Dahlia Catalog which I herewith submit to you. I trust that our business dealings will continue as in the past. All dahlias listed in this catalog are my own introductions and have won many prizes at the various shows. They are very large with stiff stems and hold the flowers well above foliage, in fact, they have every good quality required. Personally, I can not boast of any prizes won by myself since 1922 as I have not entered in competition. I receive more pleasure by staging complimentary exhibits and it has been very gratifying to hear of my patrons winning coveted prizes in the Dahlia World with my creations.

Thanking you all for your numerous letters of kind expression, praise, and encouragement, and trusting that our future business relations will be as satisfactory as heretofore.

Yours for the Dahlia,

J. W. DAVIES.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Aladdin—Old rose with golden shading. A most prolific bloomer. An artist described this as the most perfect blending of colors he had ever seen in a dahlia. \$2.00.

Al Koran—Yellow suffused with golden rod and amber. The petals of this flower have a marcelle wave effect which makes it very attractive. It is a great prize winner, receiving first prize at the San Francisco and Oakland Shows in 1922 for best established seedling. Also first prize for vase of twelve blooms which were shown with stems at the latter show. The following are a few of the 1924 awards for this dahlia:

Mr. Wm. H. Shorey of Seattle won the society's Sweepstake Gold Medal prize at the Seattle Dahlia Show, held on September 17th and 18th.

Clinton Terwilliger of Mahwah, N. J., won the first prize at Garden Club Show for best decorative dahlia and also special prize for the best dahlia in the show. He repeated his success at the Bergen County Show, held at Westwood, N. J., by winning first prize for best decorative dahlia and the special prize for the best dahlia in the show.

Mr. A. A. Styvers, of Caldwell, N. J., also won two first prizes.

Mr. A. F. Schulte of Oakland won first prize at the San Francisco show for the best dahlia exhibited by an amateur. \$3.00.

Al Malaikah—Salmon shading to orange yellow, suffused with old rose. Impossible to describe the beauty of this flower. Exceptionally long straight stems and the flowers keep well when cut. \$2.00.

Mecca—Burnt orange. Exceptionally large flowers. This is a great favorite among visitors to the garden. \$2.00.

Murat—Apricot shading to coral pink. The extreme edge of each petal looks as though an artist's brush had painted it with coral pink. \$2.00.

Salaam—Shade of fuschia. This is a very uncommon color among dahlias and very attractive in the garden. \$2.00.

PEONY DAHLIAS

Alma Davies—Salmon pink shading to deep old rose and apricot. In 1921 I received the following prizes with this dahlia: First prize at Oakland for a vase of twelve blooms, one variety. Also first prize on collection of California Dahlias and first prize on collection of Peony Dahlias at Palace Hotel Show, San Francisco. First prize for vase of best three-year-old seedling, Pacific Coast Horticultural Society, October 26th. In 1922 first prize for best basket of Peony Dahlias at Palace Hotel Show, San Francisco. In 1925 this flower, exhibited by H. R. Chapman, took first prize for the largest Peony in the open to all class at the New Jersey Dahlia Society Show held at Newark, N. J. This dahlia will not wilt on a hot day as the ordinary dahlia is apt to do. It is a wonderful keeper and has from fifteen to eighteen inches of stem to the first lateral and every bloom on the bush is perfect. \$5.00.

Jean Robinson—A wonderful Peony Dahlia. Lavender shading to orchid and the flowers are very large, of perfect form and on good stems. This is an excellent addition to the Peony Class for exhibition purposes, especially for those who exhibit with long stems. The price of this wonderful creation is \$3.50 per tuber.

Mrs. Jim McCandless—Old gold shading to apricot. I figure this dahlia will capture many first prizes for largest dahlia in the show. This dahlia was in all my prize winning collections in 1921 and 1922. \$2.00.

Thelma Jorgensen—Cavalry gold, dark orange and white. This dahlia was in my prize winning collection. This fancy will very often produce a flower with the solid color of cavalry gold and dark orange. \$2.00.

HYBRID CACTUS

Alice Voisinet, a new Hybrid Cactus Dahlia, is the finest of my creations and no doubt will be the sensational dahlia of the age. The color is bronze and copper shading to buff and henna, with a beautiful golden sheen. The flower is very large with perfect form and extra good stems. It is a good keeper such as Alma Davies and Islam Patrol. The foliage of the plant is very dark, being different from any other dahlia, and this wonderful introduction is going on the market for \$5.00 per tuber.

Islam Patrol—Very dark velvety scarlet, tipped and flushed with pure gold. This dahlia should be in every garden, as it is a flower with an enviable record. From 1921 to the present time it has received numerous prizes in all parts of the world. In addition to the beauty of this dahlia, its keeping qualities are positively unexcelled. \$3.50.

Ismalia—Velvety maroon shading to red. This is a very beautiful flower, being extremely large and on stiff stems. I have received numerous comments from all parts of the country on the exquisite beauty of this attractive dahlia. \$2.00.

Moslem—Burnt orange shading to amber. A beautiful flower admired by everybody. \$2.00.

Syria—The only perfectly-formed fancy Hybrid Cactus. May rose and canary yellow striped and splashed with dark cardinal. This dahlia won three first prizes and one second out of four entries in 1921. \$3.00.

Yaarab—Another very fine Hybrid Cactus with all the good qualities a dahlia can possess. The color is dark cardinal and the flowers are very large on stiff stems. It is a prolific bloomer and every flower an exhibition bloom. \$3.50 per tuber.



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